

<b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b>	Application No. 10/777,806	Applicant(s) PANDIT ET AL.	
	Examiner Sheela C. Chawan	Art Unit 2624	

**All Participants:**

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Status of Application: \_\_\_\_\_**

(3) Mr. Duane N. Moore (Reg # 53,352).

(4) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Date of Interview:** 16 November 2007

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Interview:**

- ☒ Telephonic  
☐ Video Conference  
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☒ Applicant's representative)

**Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated:** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

**Part I.**

Rejection(s) discussed:

N/A

Claims discussed:

22 AND 23

Prior art documents discussed:

N/A

**Part II.**

**SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:**

*Cancel claim 22 and 23 and allow claims 1,8 and 15.*

**Part III.**

- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.  
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

Sheela Chawan

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Examiner's Amendment***

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Duane N. Moore (Reg # 53,352) on 11/21/07.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

On page 8, cancel claim 22 and 23.

***Response to Amendment***

2. Applicant's amendment filed on 9/17/07 has been entered.

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application.

***Response to Arguments***

3. Applicant's arguments filed on 9/17/07 have been fully considered and are persuasive see remarks on page 9 lines 20-21, page 10, line 1, 10-12 with respect to claims 1-23 under 102(b) rejection are withdrawn and all the pending claims 1-23 are allowed.

***Information Disclosure Statement***

4. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 2/12/04 the examiner has considered.

***Drawings***

5. The Examiner has approved drawings filed on 2/12/04.

***Reasons For Allowance***

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-23 are allowed and Renumbered as 1-21.

Applicant's arguments (see remarks on page 9 lines 20-21, page 10, and line 1, 10-12 of the remarks filed on 9/17/07). The prior art of record Russo et al., (US. 6,330,345) discloses methods for fingerprint "adjustment" that is adjusting the captured image to improve quality and not fingerprint "matching". Instead Russo merely

discloses obtaining an image of a fingerprint by measuring difference in capacitance between a metal sensing plate and the ridges and valleys of a finger. Russo fails to teaches or suggests "matching a query fingerprint", "performing a one-to-one matching of the query fingerprint only with file fingerprints comprising a per-determined rank in said ranked list", "deriving a ranked list of the file fingerprints based on said identifying", as commonly included in each of the independent claim 1, 8, and 15, the prior art of record fails to teach either singularly or in combination, fails to anticipate or render the above limitations obvious.

7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted on later than the payment of the issue fee and to avoid processing delays should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled, comments on statement of reasons for allowance.

**Contact Information**

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheela C Chawan whose telephone number is. 571-272-7446. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 7.30 - 6.00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eileen Lillis can be reached on 571-272-6928. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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